

Public Affairs Update Feb. 1-28, 2020



Here is the latest summary of stories and coverage of South Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supporting the National Guard mission to provide ready units to conduct operations that support and defend our fellow citizens, the Constitution of the United States of America, and South Carolina, whenever and wherever the threat arises or the need exists. The South Carolina National Guard is a premier organization of diverse Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who are Ready, Relevant, Resilient and Responsible to our communities, state, and nation in time of need, and who are led by competent, capable, caring, and professional leaders and live by the values of loyalty, excellence in all we do, accountability, duty, emphasis on community, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Please share with your Soldiers that they can find the postings for full-time employment opportunities on the South Carolina National Guard website, accessible without a CAC card:

<https://www.scgard.ng.mil/Resources/Employment-Opportunities/>

Also, as we enter an election cycle, please share with your Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees guidance on engaging in political activity: <https://www.scgard.ng.mil/Resources/Political-Guidance/>

Podcasts

Most recent episodes:

Episode 57: Deployment reintegration and stress management, part 1 with Lisa Mustard and Eric Beasley: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhlrw-u3Jn4>

Episode 58: Future content update with Sgt. Chelsea Baker and Spc. David Erskine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB0Um8oM1DY>

Episode 59: Deployment reintegration and stress management, part 2, with Lisa Mustard and Eric Beasley: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBoYPNQJ7S8>

Episode 60: Women's Influential Network with Maj. Latasha O'Neil and Sgt. 1st Class Felicia Penn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBGx6-4Ci6E>

To find all the South Carolina National Guard Palmetto Guardian podcasts, check them out on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2r1PR9jrrCkKhAWksPCJxw>, or listen to them in the iTunes store by searching "Palmetto Guardian"

Relevant

Gov. Henry McMaster promotes USC Aiken DreamPort project at legislator lunch

McMaster proposed funding for the DreamPort Cybersecurity Collaborative "because it won't just benefit the Aiken area – it will help to establish the entire state as a cyber leader by training the members of our National Guard to be the very best and to always be on the cutting edge."

https://www.aikenstandard.com/news/gov-henry-mcmaster-promotes-usc-aiken-dreamport-project-at-legislator/article_d837555c-51a1-11ea-9666-b3fa7315e846.html

The Citadel launches bachelor's degree to train America's future

The state still faces smaller-scale cyber attacks on a regular basis, said 1st Sgt. Ricky Chapman...The 135th Cyber Security Company helps train South Carolina businesses, school districts, and municipalities in "all things cyber," Chapman said. They also provide incident response support after computer networks have successfully been hacked and assist local law enforcement agencies with cyber forensics

https://www.postandcourier.com/news/the-citadel-launches-bachelors-degree-to-train-america-s-future/article_a2da6d84-446a-11ea-9a5a-d7773c46d27a.html

South Carolina National Guard conducts joint training with Air Force

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 1-111th General Support Aviation Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, train with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers with the 15th Air Support Operations Squadron during a gunnery exercise at Poinsett Range near Wedgefield, South Carolina, Feb. 26, 2020.

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4-118th conducts tank gunnery while deployed

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with 4-118th Infantry Regiment, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, in the South Carolina National Guard, conduct tank gunnery training while deployed in the Middle East, Feb. 1, 2020. The unit is deployed to support Operation Spartan Shield

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263rd Army and Air Missile Defense Command conducts strategic vision workshop

Seventeen U.S Army National Guard commissioned and non-commissioned officers assigned to the 263rd Army and Air Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), South Carolina National Guard, participated in a Strategic Vision Workshop, Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2020 at Clarks Hill Training Site in Plum Branch, South Carolina, working and revising the vision of the 263rd AAMDC, which will influence air defense in the United States for the next 5 - 10 years.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/363857/263rd-army-and-air-missile-defense-command-conducts-strategic-vision-workshop>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713254963736>

678th Air Defense Artillery, Artillery Fire Control Officer graduation

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Mark Master, 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade command and control system integrator, graduated the Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officer (ADAFCO) course at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 12, 2020. U.S. Army Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ray Evans, South Carolina National Guard command chief warrant officer, and U.S. Army Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Teresa Domeier, U.S. Army National Guard command chief warrant officer, visited Master to recognize his accomplishment. The ADAFCO is a position that was created during Operation Iraqi Freedom to manage multiple battalions of Patriot-operator units and protect friendly assets. The course focused on creating joint force ground-based air defense

subject matter experts with a unique ability to communicate with all branches of service and coordinate surface-to-air engagements. Individuals who graduate the course are able to plan missions and design air defense operations to optimize sensor and weapon system placement.

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Ready

1-178th Field Artillery prepares for DEFENDER-Europe 20

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1-178th Field Artillery Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, wash equipment Feb. 26, 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina in preparation to ship overseas in support of DEFENDER-Europe 20 taking place later this year. DEFENDER-Europe 20 will demonstrate the U.S. military's ability to rapidly deploy a large combat-credible force from the U.S. to Europe to support NATO and respond to a crisis. Once in Europe, U.S. service members will spread out across the region to participate in various annual exercises with allies and partners.

DEFENDER-Europe 20 will conclude with the redeployment of U.S.-based forces and equipment.

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1-178th Field Artillery protective mask fitting

The South Carolina National Guard State Safety Office and State Preventive Medicine Team performed respirator fit tests with U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers from the 1-178th Field Artillery Battalion in Eastover, South Carolina, Feb. 9, 2020, to ensure the proper fit and function for the protective masks.

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678th Air Defense Artillery officers qualify with pistol

U.S. Army National Guard officers with the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, qualify with their Beretta M9 pistols at Weston Lake range on Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Feb. 8, 2020. The officers are required to periodically maintain their qualification on the weapon, facing numerous scenarios as they fire.

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Responsible

South Carolina Military Department Day at the State House

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers, U.S. Air National Guard Airmen, federal, and state employees with the South Carolina Military Department participate in the South Carolina Military Department Day at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, Feb. 25, 2020, providing military vehicle displays, equipment demonstrations, and information booths to bring recognition to and educate the lawmakers and general public about the capabilities and personnel that make up the organization. The South Carolina Military Department is a community-based organization with a dual role of a federal mission in support of national defense, as well as the state mission to serve the governor and the citizens of South Carolina in response to natural disasters, civil unrest, and other operations as directed by the governor.

Story:

<https://www.wistv.com/2020/02/25/many-gathered-state-house-military-department-recognition-day/>

Ceremony Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkZm--vnkuw>

Event Video:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/740864/south-carolina-national-guard-participates-south-carolina-military-appreciation-day-state-house>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713255328226>

South Carolina Air National Guard flyover honors life of General Francis Marion

The flyover was from the Swamp Fox wing of the SC Air National Guard, named after General Marion.

<https://www.counton2.com/news/local-news/berkeley-county-news/ceremony-flyover-honors-life-of-general-francis-marion-in-berkeley-county/>

South Carolina National Guard provides aviation display for Army ROTC cadets

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 1-111th General Support Aviation Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, participate in the University of South Carolina U.S. Army ROTC lab with a UH60 Black Hawk static display at Blatt Athletic Field in Columbia, South Carolina, Feb. 27, 2020 in order to orient and educate the ROTC cadets to the aviation capabilities in the South Carolina National Guard. The South Carolina National Guard is a community-based organization and participates in community events to bring visibility to the Soldiers, Airmen, and capabilities of the organization.

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South Carolina National Guard conducts Operation Palmetto Warrior

The South Carolina National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion conducts Operation Palmetto Warrior at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, Feb. 8-9, 2020, to inform Soldiers on the process to become a commissioned officer and warrant officer.

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Service Member and Family Care hosts job fair

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers, U.S. Air National Guard Airmen, veterans, and Family members visit the Career Enhancement and Resource Fair held Feb. 20, 2020 at the Bluff Road readiness center in Columbia, South Carolina hosted by the South Carolina National Guard Service Members and Family Care program to connect service members with local employers, state agencies, and organizations that provide military and veteran services.

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South Carolina National Guard posthumously awards Legion of Merit to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gossett

U.S. Army Col. Timothy Wood, South Carolina National Guard state logistics officer, posthumously awards U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason L. Gossett the Legion of Merit, Feb. 9, 2020, during a ceremony in Columbia, South Carolina. Gossett's wife and children accepted the award.

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Master Sgt. Chapman retirement ceremony

The South Carolina National Guard conducted a retirement ceremony for U.S. Army Master Sgt. Wayne Chapman in Columbia, South Carolina, Feb. 9, 2020, to recognize his more than 41 years of service.

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Chief Master Sgt. Johnson promotion ceremony

Promotion ceremony for newly promoted Chief Master Sgt. Marcus Johnson, assigned to the 169th Communications Squadron at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C., February 8, 2020.

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South Carolina National Guard conducts warrant officer professional development

U.S. Army Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ray Evans, South Carolina National Guard command chief warrant officer, hosts the Warrant Officer Cohort annual professional development training meeting Feb. 9, 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina. The warrant officers listened to presentations on many different subjects, all geared toward making sure the Warrant Officer Cohort is informed, professional, and aligned to support the strategic objectives of the South Carolina National Guard.

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South Carolina National Guard unveils retired Maj. Gen. Livingston portrait

The South Carolina National Guard honors retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr., former adjutant general for South Carolina, with the unveiling of his official portrait during a ceremony Feb. 4, 2020 in the Adjutant Generals' building, in Columbia, South Carolina. Livingston was elected as adjutant general in 2011 and served until his retirement in 2019. His portrait will be displayed in the foyer outside the South Carolina National Guard command staff offices, alongside the portraits of previous adjutant generals.

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Calling all Army Reserve Noncommissioned Officers: Warrant Officer program offers challenges, technical skills for qualified applicants

The South Carolina National Guard invited about a dozen Army Reserve command chief warrant officers (CCWO) to tour their RTI and share lessons learned across the cohort

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/363598/calling-all-army-reserve-noncommissioned-officers-warrant-officer-program-offers-challenges-technical-skills-qualified-applicants>

Resilient

South Carolina National Guard Soldiers reenlist, continuing serving state, nation

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the Headquarters Support Company (HSC), 351st Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) re-enlist in the South Carolina National Guard during a ceremony in Sumter, South Carolina, Feb. 24, 2020, making the personal decision to continue serving their state and nation. The Soldiers included Staff Sgt. Steven Holliday, 351st ASB, HSC information system supervisor, Sgt. Christopher Allen, 351st ASB, HSC UH60 Black Hawk repairer, Sgt. Keyonna Phillips, 351st ASB, HSC automated logistical non-commissioned officer, Spc. Timothy Dinkins, 351st

ASB, HSC wheeled vehicle mechanic, and Pfc. Marshall Myzell, 351st ASB, HSC information system specialist.

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Service Member & Family Care conducts ASIST class

The South Carolina National Guard Suicide Prevention Program hosted a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Feb. 11-12, 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina to train 15 Service Member and Family Care contractors to recognize the signs of an at-risk service member or their Family and the actions to take.

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Know Your Mil

Do you know a Soldier or Airman with a unique story to tell? Contact the South Carolina National Guard Public Affairs office to help us share their story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34j3sUfzpdA>

Priorities of Public Affairs coverage include real-world crisis events, joint exercises, training, high-visibility community events, deployments and homecomings, newsworthy situations that support current events and South Carolina National Guard support or involvement, special emphasis events that support recognized DoD themes or campaigns, and designated patriotic holidays and events that support the South Carolina community, and the adjutant general's priorities of recruiting and retention, professional military education, individual and collective training, and accountability through effectively leveraging limited resources according to laws, regulations, and policies to maximize individual and unit readiness. The most recent annual report for the SC Military Department can be found here:

<https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Portals/45/Documents/annual%20reports/Annual%20Report%202019.pdf?ver=2019-12-09-120622-060>

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